

643
RADIO TV REPORTS, INC.

Approved For Release 2005/01/13 : CIA-RDP88-01350R000200460019-4

4435 WISCONSIN AVE. N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016, 244-3540

SECRET
5024.01.2 The Secret Team

W 525

P-Rodgers, Walter
(orig under Prouty)

FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

PROGRAM Ten O'Clock News

STATION WTTG TV

DATE March 23, 1973 10:00 PM

CITY Washington, D.C.

FINAL SEGMENT ON CIA

MAURY POVICH: Here with the fifth and final segment of a series on the Central Intelligence Agency is Metromedia's Walter Rodgers. Tonight, and in this final part, Rodgers interviews a man with some rather chauvinistic views of the CIA.

WALTER RODGERS: "The Secret Team" is a new book about the Central Intelligence Agency that will probably be published sometime next month. The author, Colonel Fletcher Prouty, is a retired Air Force officer who used to do much of the CIA's bidding at the Pentagon. He was in the Air Force working for the CIA. Today we'll tell you about some CIA agents who masquerade as military officers.

COLONEL FLETCHER PROUTY: There's a tremendous amount of overlap between CIA and the services. Now in a lot of it it's perfectly normal. A good intelligence officer in the Navy goes to the CIA for a two year tour and comes back afterwards a little wiser for his experience. But that, I don't think, is a return to your question [sic].

What they do is they create cover units, organizations that appear to be regular army units or regular navy units. And then those units live overseas. They live in Taiwan; they live in Libya, in the old days; in Greece, in England. And then those units which appear to be military units are really CIA units.

Now the military, after a while, begins to live with them, almost loses track of those units, and they get kind of a free run. But there're hundreds of them. Hundreds of them all over the world.

RODGERS: Do you think the day of technology has dawned to the point where the day of the cloak and dagger era is dying for the CIA?

COLONEL PROUTY: Oh, I think it's greater now than ever. Take something as popular as wiretapping. Okay? Most people visualize a wiretape like something hitched onto the telephone in their office or at home.

Approved For Release 2005/01/13 : CIA-RDP88-01350R000200460019-4